

**ROB DRAKE,
MAYOR**

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YOUR CITY

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MAYOR'S REPORT: CHALLENGES BECOME OPPORTUNITIES FOUND

Ours is an imperfect world. We all face challenges in our personal and professional lives. How we deal with our challenges can make all the difference in the outcome.

As a community, recently we have faced some significant hurdles. I'm proud of how the challenges have been handled and the successful outcomes of three significant events. I'll be writing about the recent fire at Beaverton City Hall, the success of our recent Beaverton Festival Parade on Broadway and an update on the development of The Round at Beaverton Central.

The south end of City Hall suffered substantial damage from an early morning fire on June 18. The bulk of the damage was caused by smoke and water run-off. Community Development, Engineering, Building, Human Resources, portions of the Mayor's staff offices and the City Council chambers were all seriously damaged. In spite of the extensive damage and needed relocation, we lost only one day of providing services and conducting business in the departments highlighted. City staff responded in a very positive and constructive "can do" way and put us back in business quickly. Community Development is now located temporarily down the street from City Hall and the other departments dispersed throughout the City Hall building (see page 3). Though

quarters are tight, everyone is making the best of a tough situation and continuing to provide good customer service. In addition, as long as some departments have been relocated, we're taking the opportunity to upgrade the work areas by installing non-structural seismic upgrades. We will also have standardized workspaces in the affected areas to better maximize City Hall space.

The recent Beaverton Festival Parade on Broadway, associated with the Taste of Beaverton, was a real success! This last year we experienced a nearly complete turnover of the Parade Committee. Though some outstanding volunteers stepped forward to provide assistance, we were crossing our fingers about the success of this year's parade. We were pleasantly surprised that the parade experienced a nearly 50 percent increase in entries, and the

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MAYOR'S HOTLINE

Your interests and concerns are important to us. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503)526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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estimated number of parade observers increased significantly. I'm proud of the community effort to produce a successful parade!

Lastly, I'm pleased to provide a very positive update to my last article regarding The Round at Beaverton Central. The mixed-use development project, adjacent to Westside Light Rail, is now back "on track" and will soon begin construction! The City and Microclimates, Inc., an Enron subsidiary, purchased the property out of bankruptcy and have now sold it to the Beaverton DPP, LLC., managed by a well-respected California developer, Dorn-Platz Properties, Inc., to finish the

project. Through the process, the City has regained the \$1.9 million it invested to purchase the property. The layout and design of the project will be similar to the original failed proposal. The developer is to provide financial commitments to fund the project. The City has retained a right of reversion from the developer to regain ownership in the event the developer defaults on the project. Overall, I'm exceedingly pleased that we can look forward to a quality redevelopment adjacent to Westside Light Rail in our downtown.

-Rob Drake, Mayor

FIRE DISTRICT OFFICES RELOCATE

- Do you have questions about fire safety for your family or your business?
- Do you need a copy of a fire report or information for your insurance company?
- Do you want to schedule an educational presentation or an appearance at a community activity?

Then you are in luck! The North Division Office of the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue can help you from their new location at
14480 SW Jenkins Road
in Beaverton at the intersection
of Murray Boulevard.

Drop by anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
or call at (503) 356-4700

Previously located on the third floor of the Beaverton City Hall, the North Division Office houses the Deputy Fire Marshals, Duty Chiefs, a Community Liaison, and Administrative staff.

YOUR CITY

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THE CITY'S MISSION:
"Preserve and enhance Beaverton as a responsive, dynamic, attractive and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor
Cathy Stanton, Council President
Evelyn Brzezinski, Councilor
Dennis Doyle, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Forrest Soth, Councilor

Neighborhood Meeting Locations (dates and times on back page):

Beaverton Community Center
12350 SW 5th

Church of Latter Day Saints
8640 SW Turquoise Loop

City Hall
4755 SW Griffith Drive

Edgewood Downs Retirement Center
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road

Elmonica School
16950 SW Lisa

Five Oaks School
1600 NW 173 Avenue

Highland Park Middle School
7000 SW Wilson

Library Meeting Room - Library Bldg.
12375 SW 5th

Seventh Day Adventist Church
14645 SW Davis Road

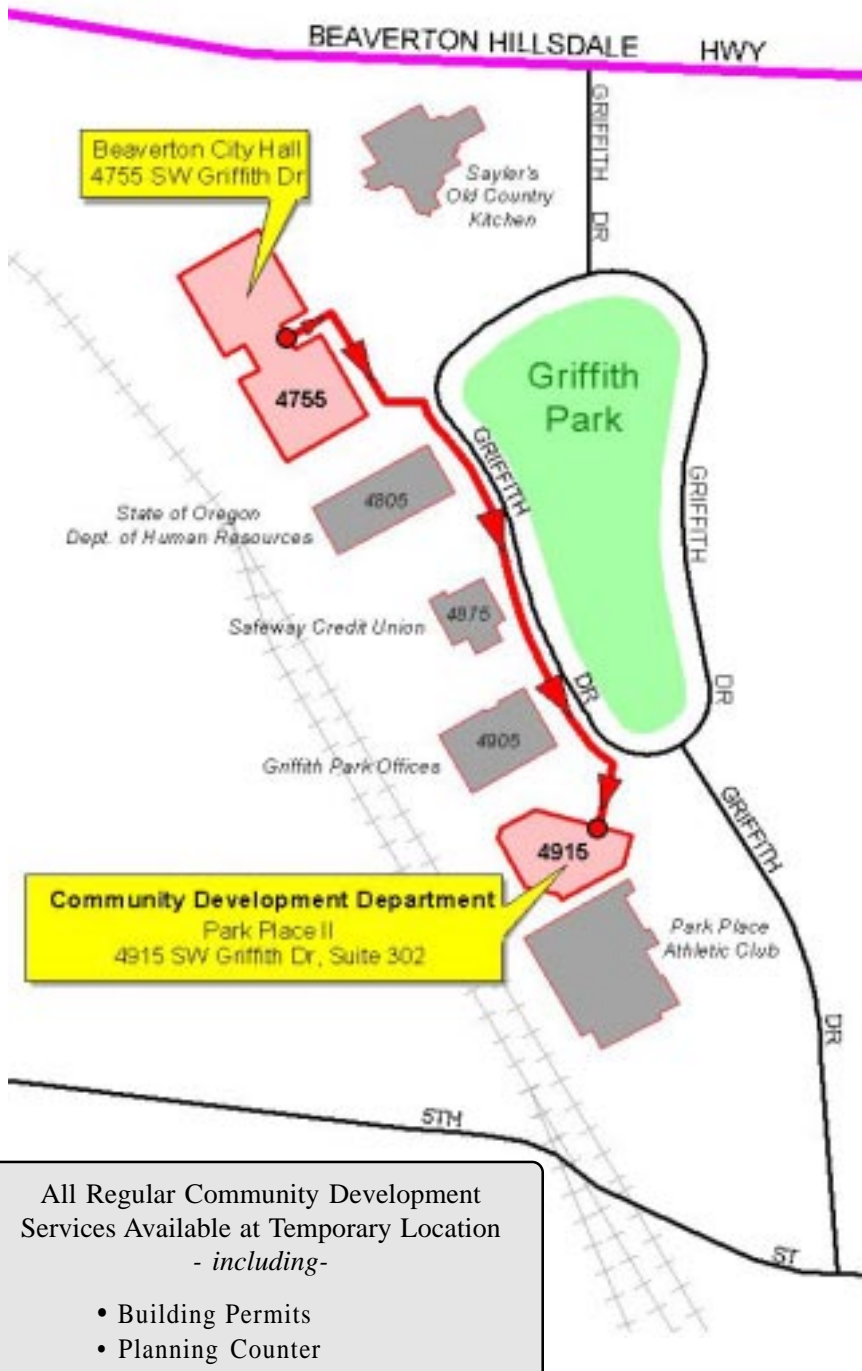
Southridge High School
9625 SW 125 Avenue

Valley Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood

TEMPORARY LOCATIONS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

Some departments at City Hall have been temporarily relocated due to the recent fire.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY LOCATION



All Regular Community Development
Services Available at Temporary Location
- including -

- Building Permits
- Planning Counter
- Site Development
- Development Services

**Temporarily
located on
3rd Floor-City Hall**

- Engineering Department
- Community Dispute Resolution
- Neighborhood Program
- Municipal Code Services

**The telephone
directory for all
City departments
and employees has
not changed.**

**Please call the
Mayor's Office
for the
most up-to-date
information,
(503) 526-2497**

COUNCIL CORNER: AN UPDATE ON EVENTS IN BEAVERTON

With the fall season fast approaching, elections behind us, and other matters now requiring our attention, perhaps a review is appropriate. Legislative redistricting is now a headline-occupying matter. It has been suggested that a non-partisan legislature might avoid the territorial disputes between the Republicans and Democrats, which at this time appears headed for a State Supreme Court decision.

September marks the first anniversary of the opening of our new library. We have received many compliments on the Library and I am not aware of any adverse comments. As you know, it was completed on time and within budget. In my view, it is a high tribute to the project manager and construction supervisor, who kept the contractor and sub-contractors busy and were available at all times to answer questions. As a result, no delays of significance were experienced.

The Farmers' Market is happy in their new location, and observation suggests that it is more successful than ever. The combination of the new Library, the green spaces with the fountain, and the revamped City Park, provide the Farmers' Market with facilities and attractions that are hard to beat. It is wonderful to see all of the people, especially children, enjoying the park and fountain. This provides a mutual attraction that benefits the City and

also gives residents and visitors a focal point for meeting each other.

Members of the City Council are enthusiastic about the monthly



***Forrest Soth,
Councilor***

summer Mayor's Walking Town Meetings in various neighborhoods. Besides giving the neighborhoods the opportunity to call our attention to various aspects of their areas, good as well as not-so-good, it gives us a much better opportunity to converse with those persons who attend in an informal setting. We can explain procedures and address individual concerns in a much more informal manner than at a Council meeting and become acquainted with people we might not otherwise have the occasion to meet.

A growing concern of your Mayor and Council is the issue of providing domestic water for all our needs. At this time, during a drought year, we have not had to

impose water restrictions, although we strongly encourage conservation and wise use. Because we have agreements with our partners in the Joint Water Commission (Hillsboro, Forest Grove, and Tualatin Valley Water District) and with the City of Portland, our staff and elected officials meet regularly to share views and discuss regional interests of all. As a result of these relationships, we develop means to share supplies or reroute transmission. Talks are taking place regarding the feasibility of raising Scoggin Dam to provide additional storage in Hagg Lake. Many entities are involved and many issues need to be resolved to make this a reality. In addition, a Regional Water Providers Consortium group meets regularly which includes those who use Bull Run, the Clackamas River, and the Trask-Tualatin system. The big question before this group is "how can we best utilize our existing supplies to the benefit of all, and what can we do to insure future availability?"

As a final note, your Council has approved an agreement with a new developer for the Round. As you read this, activity is increasing at that location. The Mayor in his remarks provides more details. It is exciting to see the highly anticipated work begin again at this site, which will be such a vital part of our community.

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilor's opinions may not be fully reflected in the Council Corner articles.

SUMMER IN THE CITY: KIDS FROM THE COMMUNITY ENJOYING THE CITY PARK FOUNTAIN



CITY COUNCILORS WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following phone numbers:

CATHY STANTON, COUNCIL

PRESIDENT - (503)526-2343

EVELYN BRZEZINSKI - (503)526-2347

DENNIS DOYLE - (503)526-2344

FRED RUBY - (503)526-2345

FORREST SOTH - (503)644-4972



It's TIME To GET EXCITED ABOUT DOWNTOWN BEAVERTON AGAIN

The City of Beaverton in partnership with Enron Microclimates is now the owner of *The Round at Beaverton Central* and is on track to sell the land so development can resume. For those of you who may be new to the area or have not followed this story, *The Round* is the name of

the project at the Beaverton Central MAX station where partially constructed buildings have sat dormant for nearly two years after the developer ran out of money to complete them. In 1997, the City of Beaverton sold the 8.5 acre property, formerly the site of a sewage

treatment plant, to a developer to create a mixed used project at the transit station.

This key parcel of property along light rail is central to redevelopment of downtown Beaverton. Although it has taken considerable time and a bankruptcy process, the site is now ready for a new developer to take over. On June 11, 2001, the City Council approved a draft agreement with a new development company, Dorn-Platz Properties. Final details of the agreement are still being negotiated.

A short distance to the south, less than one-half mile, lies the new library and the very busy fountain in the park. Unfortunately, even though it is a short walk, it is not always an easy walk. One project happening later this summer will help address this problem. The sidewalks over the rail lines at Hall and Watson Streets near Farmington will be rebuilt.

We are also taking a comprehensive look at the way the sidewalks and public spaces look and feel between *The Round* and the Library along Hall and Watson. Anyone interested is invited to the public workshop on August 23, 2001, at the library (see ad on this page.) Help plan revitalization of the public spaces along this corridor.

Finally, one of the best ways to make an exciting downtown is to have lots of people visit it! Activity breeds activity. Use these nice summer days to stroll from the fountain through downtown and explore the small gems you'll find in the diversity of the shops and restaurants. Experience what a short distance it really is between the library and *The Round*, and watch for the changes you'll see as *The Round* gets underway again.



HALL-WATSON BeAuTificATiON PrOjecT

OPeN HOuSe AND
WOr kSHOP



Please join City staff
and world-recognized
public spaces designer
Fred Kent,
Consultant for
"Project for Public Spaces",
for a hands-on workshop on
the Hall-Watson pedestrian
and transportation corridor.

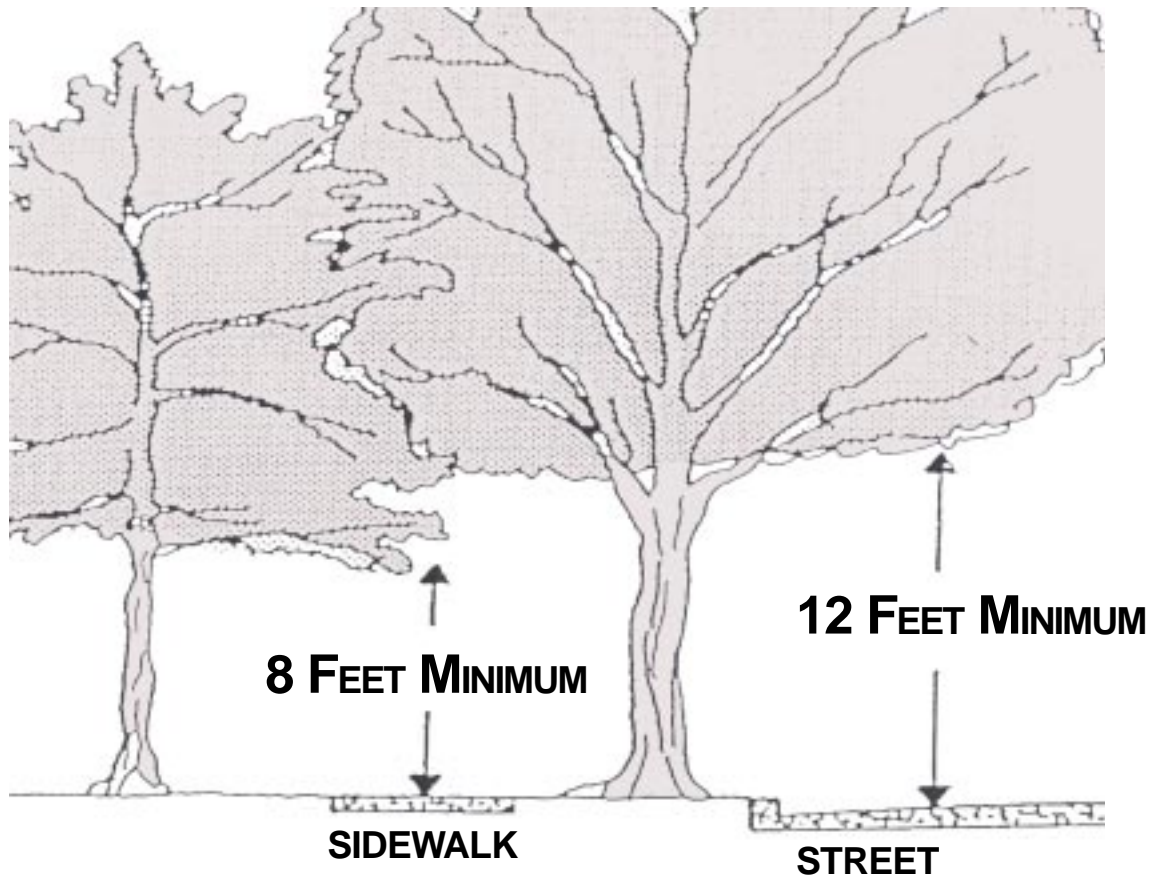
Design elements for the
beautification of the Hall-
Watson corridor will be
discussed.



WHEN: August 23, 2001
WHERE: Beaverton City
Library Conference
Room A & B
TIME: Open House
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Workshop
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information
call (503) 526-2559

NEW CITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS



The Operations Department's Urban Forestry and Storm Drainage Sections have coordinated two new programs beginning this fiscal year (July 1, 2001) in efforts to improve the appearance, health and safety on the streets of Beaverton.

Tree-Pruning Program. The Urban Forestry Section began a routine street tree-pruning program, designed to trim tree limbs over streets and sidewalks. This will bring neighborhood street trees up to City Code compliance. To meet City Code requirements, trees must be pruned to a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalks and planting strips, to a minimum of 12 feet above local residential streets, and 14 feet above

arterial roadways (City of Beaverton Code 3979. See above diagram.)

Although this work is being performed by professional arborists employed by the City, property owners are responsible for routine maintenance of trees and vegetation on private property and the City right-of-way abutting this property. The tree-pruning program improves the health of trees and it will also improve the quality of City street maintenance and sweeping services.

Street Sweeping Program. Clean Water Services (formerly Unified Sewerage Agency) has mandated monthly sweeping of streets in Washington County. The Storm

Drainage Section now sweeps the streets once a month rather than once every other month. This will reduce the amount of pollutants being washed into our streams and rivers.

The Storm Drainage Section also introduced a nighttime sweeping program. This newest nighttime endeavor will reduce traffic congestion on those busy streets during daylight hours. This will allow the sweeper to do a more thorough job cleaning the intersections, business districts, and major roadways.

If you would like more information regarding these new programs, or have other City maintenance questions, please call the Operations Department at (503) 526-2220.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

Summer is in full swing and many of us are participating in the season's outdoor activities like mowing lawns, washing vehicles, and perhaps playing in the front yard with the kids and pets. In addition, we may get a chance to chat with one or more neighbors.

How familiar are you with the neighbors that live near your home? How many neighbors' names can you list? Many of us might find this difficult to do.

According to the latest census figures, Beaverton's population increased over 44 percent in the past decade. However, many of us have lost touch with the people who live

on our streets, in our neighborhoods, or in the apartment next door. The reasons for not knowing our neighbors vary, but a common theme is that everyone is leading busy lives.

Getting to know our neighbors can bring many benefits, including a better sense of community and building long-term relationships.

The Community Dispute Resolution Center encourages neighbors to introduce themselves, and to get to know each other. Talking with your neighbor goes a long way to help avoid conflicts and misunderstandings. Often misperceptions and conflicts occur when people do not communicate;

make assumptions about what they see, or perhaps what they hear from a third party. With all the advantages that communication has to offer, why not make an attempt to meet and talk with your neighbor soon?

If you are currently having a conflict, please contact the Center. We will be happy to give you ideas on how to address the situation on your own, or with the assistance of a mediator. The Beaverton Community Dispute Resolution Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. Our phone number is (503) 526-2523.



IS YOUR HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

If you can answer yes to the following questions you may qualify for a low interest loan or grant for needed home repairs.

- ***Do you live within the City Limits of Beaverton?***
- ***Do you own your own home or mobile home?***
- ***Is your household income less than 80% of the median income (example: annual household income is less than \$34,350 for a family of two)?***

For more information please call (503)526-2533 V/TDD.

URBAN PLANNING AREA AGREEMENT UPDATES

The City of Beaverton regularly receives petitions to annex property from unincorporated Washington County. The reasons for these requests vary from the petitioner's desire to receive urban services such as regular neighborhood police patrols, to a need for water and sewer line hookups.

Upon annexation, the City applies plan and zoning designations that are similar to the County designations on the property. These designations are guided by the Washington County – City of Beaverton Urban Planning Area Agreement (UPAA). The UPAA contains a table that specifies which City designation to apply to a property depending on the County designation.

Because of the specificity of the UPAA, most annexation related plan amendments and zone changes do not require a public hearing. Since these actions do not involve significant changes in either land use or

development intensity, they will not significantly affect the surrounding neighborhood or local residents. It is only when the UPAA does not specify how to convert from the County plan to the City plan that a public hearing is required by the Planning Commission, because the decision is discretionary.

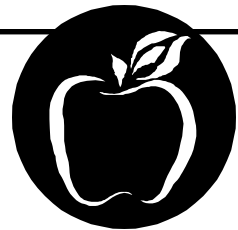
Significant changes have occurred in the plan and zoning designations of both jurisdictions since the UPAA was last updated in 1988. These changes reflect a shift in the way that the region as a whole addresses growth issues. Specifically, as Metro (the Portland Metropolitan Area's regional government) developed its Regional Framework Plan, individual jurisdictions under Metro's purview (including Beaverton and Washington County) have attempted to comply with the requirements of that plan by adopting new mixed-use, transit-oriented, and pedestrian-friendly plan zoning and designations. These plan designations and zones were not in

existence at the time the UPAA was established, so properties zoned to these new designations are not covered under the terms of the agreement. Rezoning of these properties after annexation requires a public hearing, and more time and expense. Therefore, Planning Services Division staff is reviewing the City zoning districts to determine whether new zones should be added or changed to better match with new transit oriented plan designations. This process will likely involve public hearings before the Planning Commission to consider amendments to the City's Development Code. Once this process is completed, the City will propose amendments to the UPAA conversion table that will reduce the number of required public hearings. Work on this project is expected to be completed within the current fiscal year.

For more information, call the Principal Planner at (503) 350-4037, or e-mail : hbergsma@ci.beaverton.or.us.

Parents, make sure your child gets into school or child care!

The state of Oregon is requiring more shots for school and child care.



If your child will be attending:
Kindergarten
1st through 3rd Grade

Beginning School Year:
2001/2002

He or she needs these additional shots:
Hepatitis B
Second Dose of Measles Vaccine

Kindergarten or 1st Grade

2001/2002

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Child Care Facility

1998/1999
2000/2001

Hepatitis B
Varicella (Chicken Pox)

7th or 8th Grade

2001/2002

Hepatitis B
2nd Dose of Measles Vaccine
Varicella (Chicken Pox)

ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ABOUT THESE SHOTS TODAY!

For more information call Washington County Health and Human Services, (503) 846-4955.

SIGN PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

The City of Beaverton, through its Comprehensive Plan, regulates signage in order to ensure traffic safety and provide citizens a quality environment in which to live, work and play. To help enhance the livability of our neighborhoods, the City regulates the location, size, design type and number of signs. Some signs are allowed without a permit while others may require a permit or are expressly prohibited.

The following signs are expressly **prohibited** and include but may not be limited to:

- Advertising benches
- Billboards
- Flashing signs
- Obstructing signs
- Portable signs (except garage sale and real estate)
- Roof signs
- Rotating or revolving signs
- Signs attached to trees or public utility poles
- Inflatable signs

Signs that **do not require** a permit but are subject to regulation include but are not limited to:

- Garage Sale Signs which are allowed in residential zones; may be up to 4 square feet per side, and up to 4 feet high; erected up to one week before the event, and must be removed within one day after the event.
- Name Plates with only the business name as listed with the state. One name plate is allowed for each occupant and may be up to 2 square feet total. The name plate must be affixed to the exterior wall.
- Private Real Estate Signs/Residential may have up to two double faced signs with up to 4 square feet per face. They may be a wall sign or a freestanding sign.



PROHIBITED: Signs that are attached to trees or public utility poles.

- Window Signs which take up 20% or less of the total area of the window.

Signs that **require a permit**, include but are not limited to:

- Changeable copy signs
- Fence signs
- Freestanding signs
- Real estate signs
- Wall signs
- Special event signs
- Projected signs and awnings
- Time and temperature signs

To apply for a sign permit, contact the City Planning Department, (503)526-2420. The application needs to include, at a minimum: a sketch drawn to scale indicating the proposed sign and identifying existing signs on the property; the sign location; and colors, graphic design, structural and mechanical design and engineering data.

No sign shall be in the public right-of-way or obstruct vision. In most cases the public right-of-way starts

where a land owner's property meets the public sidewalk and extends to the same point on the other side of the street. Where there is no sidewalk, a typical measure of the public right-of-way starts at the center of the roadway and extends outward 25 feet. Please note, if these signs are found in the public right-of-way by Code Services, they may be picked up and their owners contacted to retrieve them.

Code Services appreciates all efforts made by City residents and business owners to comply with City sign codes. Properly placed signage results in more accessible sidewalks and right-of-ways and less cluttered commercial areas in our City.

If you have any questions regarding these standards or need to contact the City with information regarding signage, please call the Code Services office at (503) 526-2270 V/TDD or e-mail us at codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

PROTECTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO

A Tragedy Avoided. On July 1st, 2001 Beaverton Police Departments' Crash Investigation Team responded to a serious injury vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Murray Blvd. An eastbound car had crossed over the median, and struck a westbound car head-on at a high rate of speed. Due to the horrific damage to both cars, initial responders were dismayed to see a 'Winnie the Pooh' window shade on the rear window of one of the cars. Fearing the worst, medical and police personnel were greatly relieved to find that the two-year old girl in the back seat of this car had

not only survived the crash, but was essentially uninjured. This was solely due to the fact that this little passenger was properly secured in a correctly installed child safety seat.

Improper Usage of Safety Seats. Oregon occupant protection statistics show that 90 percent of the child safety seats in use on our streets are being used incorrectly. The officers of the Beaverton Police Department are committed to lowering the incidence of safety seat misuse, thereby improving the chances that your next crash will not end in tragedy.

Child Safety Seat Technicians. The Beaverton Police Department currently has four nationally-certified Child Safety Seat Technicians. These officers are available to install and inspect child safety seats on an appointment basis at City Hall. (Please call the Beaverton Police Department, (503) 526-2260 to schedule an appointment). Your Traffic Safety Team also aggressively enforces all of Oregon's occupant protection laws, with an emphasis on child safety.

Protect Your Child with Properly Installed Child Safety Seats

Child Safety Seat Clinic, August 18th, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Beaverton City Hall. For more information call (503) 526-2260 V/TDD.

BEAVERTON POLICE ARE LEADERS IN TRAINING

The Beaverton Police Department is a leader in the training arena, hosting numerous regional and statewide courses each year. Thus far in 2001, Beaverton has served as host to such classes as the Oregon Canine Association Conference, four-day mountain bike certification course, and a two-day expandable baton course. In so doing, Beaverton has sustained its commitment to City Council Goal 7, which reads: "Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations."

The benefits to hosting such courses are many for both the department and city. Perhaps foremost, it establishes Beaverton as a primary provider of quality training within the law enforcement profession. By assuming a leadership

role in this area, the department can establish a standard of excellence in the training that is provided officers locally and around the state. This is beneficial in maintaining and enhancing the professionalism of Oregon's police officers. It is also important in establishing consistency among sworn personnel, which is crucial in situations where multiple agencies are called to work a singular incident.

The department is also able to maximize available resources for training by serving as host. In addition to minimizing or eliminating travel costs for Beaverton participants, registration fees are frequently waived for hosting agencies. This often allows the department to train more members at a significant savings.

Beaverton's position as a leader in the area of training has also provided exceptional opportunities in which to market the department to prospective new hires. By hosting courses, department personnel can showcase the many attributes of the Beaverton Police Department to officers from other law enforcement agencies that are looking to make Beaverton their home.

All of these benefits are in addition to the basic premise that quality training is crucial to officer and citizen safety. "Beaverton has always recognized the need for continuous, timely, and budget-wise training," Chief David G. Bishop states. "The training we provide our personnel is what allows us to optimize the service we provide customers."

SUMMER 2001 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

On June 2, 2001, the City of Beaverton, Beaverton's Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs), Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI), Metro, and your local haulers sponsored a neighborhood cleanup day at Beaverton City Hall. The turnout was outstanding, with nearly 60 volunteers serving over 500 vehicles.

A view from the Neighborhood Cleanup.



Teamwork! Volunteers help unload branches.

Patrons drop off cleanup items.



CLOSE THE LOOP - PREVENT WASTE

Waste prevention is a powerful tool to reduce waste and conserve resources. It is important to remember that "keeping waste out of landfills," or the waste prevention process, includes two other steps in addition to recycling. The two other steps in the waste prevention process are reducing waste and reusing products.

The first step in the waste prevention process is to reduce the amount of "stuff" that you buy or receive. If you are receiving mail, products or packaging that you do not want or need, let the companies that send them to you know that you do not want them. Unwanted materials have an impact on the resources consumed to make and deliver those materials and on your garbage.

Whenever you make a donation, order a product from a catalog, fill out a subscription card, or write a check, you are most likely being added to a mailing list. Companies use these mailing lists so they can send you unwanted mail, more commonly known as "junk mail."

YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR JUNK MAIL.

You are the customer and your decisions, opinions, and purchases are a valuable asset to the business world. It is your decisions, actions, and dollars that are your vote - smart businesses are listening. Here are some tips to reduce junk mail:

- When you receive unwanted first class mail, you can cross out the address and bar code, circle the first class postage and write

"refused: return to sender." Then, drop the letter into any mailbox.

- Call the City of Beaverton's Recycling Information line at (503) 526-2665 to obtain a FREE junk mail kit. Included in the kit are tips for reducing unwanted mail and pre-addressed cards to send to companies who can remove your name from national marketing lists.

Remember in order to close the loop, you have to practice all three waste prevention steps: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding reducing, reusing, and recycling please call the City of Beaverton's Recycling Information Hotline, at (503) 526-2665.

VISITING WITH OUR SISTER CITIES

Citizens of the City of Beaverton welcomed the Mayor and City Council Head from our sister city Gotemba, Japan at the Taste of Beaverton festival. We were hosts for a delegate reception and then a private home dinner party, with touring in Beaverton and shopping for those special gifts for those who were left behind in Japan. The twenty-five delegates rode in a trolley for the Festival Parade on Broadway and were welcomed by parade attendees.

Our early 2001 visits (January - July) to our Sister Cities were all great successes. Some of the participating students were at the Sister Cities Foundation booth at the Taste of Beaverton where they talked

about their experiences visiting our Sister Cities. We are planning additional trips for the Fall of 2001 and others in 2002. Each time we meet the returning students we hear nothing but compliments about their trips. We are able to provide a less costly airfare, and Beaverton families save on room and board, since the students stay with host families while they are in our Sister Cities. If you are interested in learning about opportunities for middle school and high school students, please call our office at (503) 526-2499 for additional information.

We are not leaving out the adults for special trips to the Far East. As reported in the last issue of *Your City* there will be a garden and plant show

in Korea. Also in 2002 Japan and Korea are hosting the World Cup Soccer matches. If you are interested, let us know and we will assist you in your planning and arrangements.

**The Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation Board meets once a month.
Call The Beaverton Sister Cities' Office for more information, (503) 526-2499.**

LIBRARY MILESTONES

Those who believe that libraries are a thing of the past or that the Internet will cause libraries to wither away, have not visited the new Beaverton City Library. The Beaverton City Library (BCL) has been bustling with activity since moving to the new 67,000 square foot facility at the corner of 5th and Hall in September 2000. The year has been marked with setting new records in every aspect of the library's services.

One of the measures of usage is circulation or the number of items checked out. Beaverton City Library is among the top libraries in the nation, serving a similar population, circulating over 1.4 million items from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 (the library's fiscal and statistical year). This is a new record for Beaverton with a 23% increase over last year! In addition, the library saw a 35% increase in the number of people using the facility (door count) for a total of 683,411 also a new record.

Users of the Library reference services make requests ranging from

quick information to in-depth research assistance. The Business Reference Center specializes in aiding local businesses with their information needs along with those who may be thinking about starting a business, or individuals wanting tools to help with their stock and mutual fund investments. BCL saw an increase of 20% in its reference services, answering 129,447 queries this year.

More amazing is the 244% increase in reference help provided in the Young Adult Homework Center! This room, dedicated to assist students, grades 6 through 12, has become a focal point for youth in our community. Even in the summer, the room is crowded with young adults using the Internet and word processing stations.

There are many other areas that the Library has seen record growth in use, but the most significant factor is the growth in the number of people who have found the Beaverton City Library to be a very important part of their quality of life.

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

5th Ave and Hall Blvd.
(503)644-2197 (voice)
(503)574-4606(TDD)
www.wilinet.wccls.lib.or.us

Hours of Operation:
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LIBRARY EVENTS

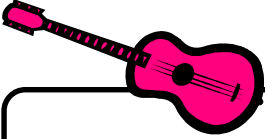
Sunday, September 9th, One Year Library Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, September 22nd, 6:00 p.m., Beaverton City Library Foundation Fundraising Dinner featuring guest speaker Larry Colton, author of Counting Coup and Goat Brothers.

Saturday, September 23rd, 2:00 p.m. kick's off a monthly book discussion. The series will run through June, 2002 and will be led by area college professors. This first one will be led by Violeta Ramsay, Associate Professor of Spanish at Linfield College in McMinnville. The discussion will be on *The House of Spirits* by Isabel Allende. No registration is necessary and there is no charge. If you've read the book, you are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Homework Center (6th to 12th Graders) Computer Classes, Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. sign up is required. Game Night every Friday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information on any of these events, please call the Library at (503) 644-2197 or (503) 574-2606(TDD).



BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION EVENTS

AUGUST

10 John O'Brien, a classical guitarist in the Romantic tradition of Andres Segovia, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beaverton Town Square courtyard. (503) 526-2288.

16 Pianist Michael Allen Harrison and friends, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn Rd. (503) 642-3855.

24 Cellist Skip Von Kuske and Violinist Edith Bradway, members of the Mezzanotte String Quartet, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Beaverton Town Square courtyard. (503) 526-2288.

27 Project or Technical Assistance Grant application **DEADLINE**. Grants available to Washington County arts and culture organizations. For an application, call the Regional Arts and Culture Council at (503) 823-5111.

Thru September "Hooked on Beaverton Schools" a Salmon Sculpture Art Exhibition will swim through Beaverton this summer in the following locations: Bank of America – Beaverton Branch, Bethany Village, Beaverton City Hall, Beaverton City Library, Beaverton Mall, Beaverton School District Central Office, Cedar Mill Library, Griffith Park, Smith and Bevell Jewelers, St. Vincent Hospital, Taste of Beaverton Parade and Festival and Washington Square. (503) 591-4442.



SEPTEMBER

Art in the Pearl art festival in the Northwest Park blocks in Portland with art, theatre, music and art activities for people of all ages. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday. <http://www.artinthepearl.com>.

9 Village Gallery of Art, 12505 NW Cornell (corner of Saltzman and Cornell, next to Cedar Mill Library), grand re-opening reception from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call (503) 644-8001.

14 - 16 Beaverton Fine Art and Wine Festival, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, 158th and Walker. Art, wine, food, music and more. (503) 644-0123.

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OCTOBER

11 - 14 Painter's Showcase at the Jenkins Estate, Grabhorn Rd., 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (503) 642-3855.

Thru December Beaverton Arts Commission's Children's Theatre Series, for a schedule, call (503) 526-2288.

ONGOING - Beaverton Art Gallery, Beaverton Mall, Wed.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sun. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Original works of art by over 50 local artists. (503) 526-2288 or (503) 641-1421.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2001

*City Council Meetings

- 13 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Beaverton City Library-Televised
- 20 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Beaverton City Library
- 27 Mon. No Meeting

**Neighborhood Meetings

- 15 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Sexton Mountain NAC - Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints
- 16 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Central Beaverton NAC - Beaverton Community Center
- 21 Tue. 7:00 p.m. West Slope NAC - Valley Presbyterian Church
- 21 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC, Walking Town Meeting Elmonica Elementary

Planning Commission Meetings

- 15 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Beaverton City Library
- 22 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Beaverton City Library
- 29 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-Beaverton City Library

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- 14 Tue. 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 16 Thu. 3:30 p.m. CDAC-Cancelled
- 17 Fri. 10:00 a.m. Access Committee- Beaverton City Library
- 21 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Police/Apartment Managers-Cancelled
- 21 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Beaverton Arts Commission - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 22 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement- 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 23 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Beaverton City Library.

Assistive listening devices, sign language or bilingual interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request these services, call (503)526-2222 V/TDD.

SEPTEMBER 2001

*City Council Meetings

- 3 Mon. No Meeting - Labor Day
- 10 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - TBA - Televised
- 17 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - TBA
- 24 Mon. No Meeting

**Neighborhood Meetings

- 5 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Vose NAC- Beaverton Community Center
- 11 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC-Elmonica Elem. School
- 12 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Raleigh West NAC-Beaverton Community Center
- 13 Thu. 7:00 p.m. West Beaverton NAC-Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 13 Thu. 7:00 p.m. South Beaverton NAC - Southridge High School
- 18 Tue. 7:00 p.m. West Slope NAC - West Sylvan Middle School
- 19 Wed. 6:00 p.m. Sexton Mountain NAC/WTM, Carolwood Park
- 20 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Central Beaverton NAC-Beaverton Community Center
- 20 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Greenway NAC - Conestoga Middle School
- 20 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Highland NAC - Highland Park Middle School

Planning Commission Meetings

- 5 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission - TBA***
- 12 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- TBA***
- 19 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- TBA***
- 26 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission-TBA***

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- 4 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Building Board of Appeals-TBA***
- 4 Tue. 6:00 p.m. B.I.K.E. Task Force - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 6 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Traffic Commission-TBA***
- 11 Tue. 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 13 Thu. 7:30 a.m. Beaverton Sister Cities - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 13 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-TBA***
- 18 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Beaverton Arts Commission-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 18 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Police/Apartment Managers-TBA***
- 20 Wed. 3:30 p.m. CDAC - TBA***
- 21 Fri. 10:00 a.m. Access Committee - 3rd Floor Conference Rm.
- 26 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement - 1st Floor Conf. Rm.
- 27 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-TBA***

** Call (503)526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.*

*** Call Neighborhood office, (503)526-2243 V/TDD to confirm meeting dates.*

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